

What is claimed is:

1. A virtual-grave-visiting method comprising the steps of:  
storing gravestone images to a virtual-graveyard server;  
accessing said virtual-graveyard server from a visitor  
terminal via the Internet;

transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a desired  
gravestone image and a plurality of manner icons from said  
virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the  
Internet;

selecting one of manners for grave visiting by clicking one  
of manner icons on said grave-visiting page;

transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a  
plurality of manner-content-select icons to said visitor  
terminal via the Internet when one of manner icons is clicked  
on said grave-visiting page;

selecting one of manner contents for grave visiting by  
clicking one of manner-content-select icons on said  
manner-content-selection page;

transmitting one or more manner applets corresponding to  
said selected manner content for grave visiting from said  
virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the  
Internet; and

running said transmitted manner applets on said grave-visiting page by said visitor terminal.

2. A virtual-grave-visiting method comprising the steps of:  
storing gravestone images corresponding to real gravestones to a virtual-graveyard server;

accessing said virtual-graveyard server from a visitor terminal via the Internet;

transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a desired gravestone image, a plurality of manner icons and a vicarious-execution button from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet;

selecting one of manners for grave visiting by clicking one of manner icons on said grave-visiting page;

transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a plurality of manner-content-select icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet when one of manner icons is clicked on said grave-visiting page;

selecting one of manner contents for grave visiting by clicking one of said manner-content-select icons on said manner-content-selection page;

transmitting one or more manner applets corresponding to

said selected manner contents for grave visiting from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet;

running said transmitted manner applets on said grave-visiting page by said visitor terminal;

informing vicarious execution of grave visiting by E-mail to a grave-visiting agent terminal via the Internet if said vicarious-execution button is selected on said grave-visiting page; and

executing vicariously said selected manner contents for grave visiting to the real gravestone of said visitor on the basis of the information of vicarious execution of grave visiting by a grave-visiting agent.

3. A virtual-grave-visiting method comprising the steps of:

storing gravestone images to a virtual-graveyard server;  
accessing said virtual-graveyard server from a visitor terminal via the Internet;

transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a desired gravestone image, a plurality of manner-content-select boxes and a start icon from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet;

selecting one or more manner contents for grave visiting by checking one or more manner-content-select boxes on said grave-visiting page;

transmitting simultaneously one or more manner applets corresponding to said selected manner-content-select boxes for grave visiting from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet; and

running said transmitted manner applets on said grave-visiting page by said visitor terminal.

4. A virtual-grave-visiting method comprising the steps of:

storing gravestone images corresponding to real gravestones to a virtual-graveyard server;

accessing said virtual-graveyard server from a visitor terminal via the Internet;

transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a desired gravestone image, a plurality of manner-content-select boxes, a vicarious-execution button and a start icon from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet;

selecting one or more manner contents for grave visiting by checking one or more manner-content-select boxes on said

grave-visiting page;

transmitting simultaneously one or more manner applets corresponding to said selected manner-content-select boxes from said virtual-graveyard server to said visitor terminal via the Internet;

running said transmitted manner applets on said grave-visiting page by said visitor terminal;

informing vicarious execution of grave visiting by E-mail to a grave-visiting agent terminal via the Internet if said vicarious-execution button is selected on said grave-visiting page; and

executing vicariously said selected manner contents for grave visiting to the real gravestone of said visitor on the basis of the information of vicarious execution of grave visiting by a grave-visiting agent.

5. A virtual-grave-visiting method as set forth in claims 1, 2, 3 or 4, further comprising the steps of:

accounting entrance fee on the basis of the transmission of said grave-visiting page; and

accounting manner fees on the basis of the transmission of said manner applets.

6. A virtual-grave-visiting system comprising:

a virtual-graveyard server connected to the Internet;

a customer database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said customer database which stores information of registered customers and the decedent files recording pictures, movies and/or voices of the decedent worshiped by graves;

a manner database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said manner database which stores a plurality of manner applets for grave visiting and manner fees each manners for grave visiting;

a historical database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said historical database which stores historical-data records including account result of grave visiting; and

visitor terminals connected to said virtual-graveyard server via the Internet.

7. A virtual-grave-visiting system comprising:

a virtual-graveyard server connected to the Internet;

a customer database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said customer database which stores information of

registered customers and the decedent files recording pictures, movies and/or voices of the decedent worshiped by graves;

a manner database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said manner database which stores a plurality of manner applets for grave visiting and manner fees each manners for grave visiting;

a historical database connected to said virtual-graveyard server, said historical database which stores historical-data records including account result of grave visiting;

visitor terminals connected to said virtual-graveyard server via the Internet; and

grave-visiting-agent terminals connected to said virtual-graveyard server via the Internet.

8. A virtual-grave-visiting system set forth in claims 6 or 7, further comprising:

an account-settlement organization connected to said virtual-graveyard server via the Internet, said account-settlement organization which settles accounts with said virtual-graveyard server.

9. A virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a customer database for storing information of registered customers;

a manner database for storing manner contents, manner fees and manner applets each manners for grave visiting;

a historical database for storing historical-data records including account result each grave visiting;

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving said customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image and a plurality of manner icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-content-selection-page-transmitting means for



transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a plurality of select icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of manner icons is clicked on said grave-visiting page;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of select icons is clicked on said manner-content-selection page; and

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in said historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted by said manner-applet-transmitting means.

10. A virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a customer database for storing information of registered customers;

a manner database for storing manner contents, manner fees and manner applets each manners for grave visiting;

a historical database for storing historical-data records

including account result each grave visiting;

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving said customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image, a plurality of manner-content-select buttons and a start icon to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting simultaneously one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when said start icon is clicked after selecting one or more manners for grave visiting by checking one or more manner-content-select buttons on said grave-visiting page; and

a historical-data-recording means for recording a

historical-data record including account result in said historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating collectively said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted simultaneously by said manner-applet-transmitting means.

11. A virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a customer database for storing information of registered customers;

a manner database for storing manner contents, manner fees and manner applets each manners for grave visiting;

a historical database for storing historical-data records including account result each grave visiting;

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving said customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image, a plurality of manner icons and a vicarious-execution button to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-content-selection-page-transmitting means for transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a plurality of select icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of manner icons is clicked on said grave-visiting page;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of select icons is clicked on said manner-content-selection page;

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in said historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted by said manner-applet-transmitting means; and





historical-data record in said historical database by E-mail to a grave-visiting agent terminal via the Internet if said vicarious-execution button is selected on said grave-visiting page.

13. A virtual-graveyard server as set forth in claims 9,10,11 or 12, further comprising:

an account-settlement means for settling accounts on the basis of said account result of said historical-data record in said historical database with an account-settlement organization that is connected to the virtual-graveyard server via the Internet.

14. A virtual-graveyard server as set forth in claims 9, 10, 11 or 12:

wherein said customer database has the decedent files storing pictures, movies and/or voices of the decedent worshiped by graves, contents of said decedent files which can be replayed in the decedent-displaying window opened on said grave-visiting page.

15. A program for a virtual-graveyard server comprising:

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a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving a customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image and a plurality of manner icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-content-selection-page-transmitting means for transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a plurality of select icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving a manner database when one of manner icons is clicked on said grave-visiting page;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of select icons



is clicked on said manner-content-selection page; and

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in a historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted by said manner-applet-transmitting means.

16. A program for a virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving a customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image, a plurality of manner-content-select buttons and a start icon to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said

customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting simultaneously one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving a manner database when said start icon is clicked after selecting one or more manners for grave visiting by checking one or more manner-content-select buttons on said grave-visiting page; and

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in a historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating collectively said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted simultaneously by said manner-applet-transmitting means.

17. A program for a virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said

visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving a customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image, a plurality of manner icons and a vicarious-execution button to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-content-selection-page-transmitting means for transmitting a manner-content-selection page containing a plurality of select icons to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving a manner database when one of manner icons is clicked on said grave-visiting page;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said manner database when one of select icons is clicked on said manner-content-selection page;

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in a historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means,

and for updating said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted by said manner-applet-transmitting means; and

a vicarious-execution-informing means for informing vicarious execution of grave visiting on the basis of said historical-data record in said historical database by E-mail to a grave-visiting agent terminal via the Internet if said vicarious-execution button is selected on said grave-visiting page.

18. A program for a virtual-graveyard server comprising:

a homepage-transmitting means for transmitting a virtual-graveyard homepage to a visitor terminal via the Internet when a visitor accesses said virtual-graveyard server from said visitor terminal via the Internet;

a customer-verification means for verifying whether said visitor is one of registered customers by retrieving a customer database when grave visiting is requested on said virtual-graveyard homepage;

a grave-visiting-page-transmitting means for transmitting a grave-visiting page containing a gravestone image, a plurality of manner-content-select buttons, a vicarious-

execution button and a start icon to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving said customer database when said visitor is verified as one of registered customers by said customer-verification means;

a manner-applet-transmitting means for transmitting simultaneously one or more manner applets to said visitor terminal via the Internet by retrieving a manner database when said start icon is clicked after selecting one or more manners of grave visiting by checking one or more manner-content-select buttons on said grave-visiting page;

a historical-data-recording means for recording a historical-data record including account result in a historical database when said grave-visiting page is transmitted by said grave-visiting-page-transmitting means, and for updating collectively said historical-data record when said manner applets are transmitted simultaneously by said manner-applet-transmitting means; and

a vicarious-execution-informing means for informing vicarious execution of grave visiting on the basis of said historical-data record in said historical database by E-mail to a grave-visiting agent terminal via the Internet if said vicarious-execution button is selected on said grave-visiting

page.

19. A program for a virtual-graveyard server as set forth in claims 15,16,17 or 18, further comprising:

an account-settlement means for settling accounts on the basis of said account result of said historical-data record in said historical database with an account-settlement organization that is connected to the virtual-graveyard server via the Internet.